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Our lives are waves that come up out of the ocean eternity, break upon the beach of earth, and lapse back to the ocean of eternity. Some are sunlit, some are in storm and rain; one is a quiet ripple, another is a thunderous breaker; and once in many centuries comes a great tidal wave that sweeps over a continent; but all go back to the sea and lie equally level there.—Dr. Austin O'Malley.

THE "SHORT BALLOT" INDORSED.

A thorough indorsement of the "short ballot" city government is given by Mayor James R. Hanna, of Des Moines, whose letter is published in another column today as the fourth contribution to the Star-Bulletin's series of discussions by mainland municipal leaders.

Mayor Hanna's letter is particularly interesting because Des Moines has given commission government a thorough try-out. In fact, Des Moines has had commission government almost as long as Honolulu has had city and county government. The result has been of material benefit to the Iowa capital.

Mayor Hanna sees an improvement over the commission plan in the city manager or commission manager plan. Those who have been reading this series of letters published in the Star-Bulletin will realize the significant fact that virtually every mainland mayor quoted has affirmed his belief in the wisdom of the city manager system.

The letter from the Des Moines executive should be carefully read. It is full of good points—points which open-minded delegates to the coming charter revision convention will find of direct aid to them in their deliberations.

A BY-PRODUCT OF "BLOOD-TOWN."

A woman with a babe in arms and another by her side, brought up in police court for selling liquor illicitly and unofficially charged with carrying on a much viler business in her squalid home, is not an edifying sight. But the spectacle is an unanswerable argument against further tolerance of the vice-breeding section of Wahiawa grimly known as "Blood Town."

The police say that army officials were first to revolt against this notorious place, and apparently it was a case of the police taking action when the army people could no longer endure the noisome joints. In this doubtless the local authorities proceeded on the theory that commercial vice has to be furnished the army—a theory largely responsible for the present tolerance of Iwilei. At Wahiawa, however, other lawlessness began to flourish with such brazenness that the authorities have been forced into action. And having started the campaign, evidently it is the determination of the police and the city attorney's office to make a thorough clean-up. The raids are being vigorously conducted, Deputy Attorney Chillingworth, who is prosecuting, is beginning the police court trial with determination, and the raids ought to produce some wholesome results.

In spite of the evil reputation won by those who ply their varied callings in "Blood Town," the spectacle of a woman with a babe in arms, leading another child of three; with two children in one rescue home and two in another; with a husband in an army stockade; the woman haled before the police court—such a spectacle arouses not indignation but pity. It is incredible that whatever law-breaking she may be guilty of is the result of deliberate choice. No penalty of fine and imprisonment is adequate to care for this offender. She would serve her time, and upon emerging into the world of necessity the same ugly circumstances would surround her and back she would go to her old life.

One does not need to be an alienist or a diagnostician of physical and mental shortcomings to see that some curative or detention institution is a fitter place for this woman than a prison cell.

She is a by-product of Bloodtown.

A LOSS TO THE "MOVIES."

What a pity that second Lahaina "accident" was not caught by some lucky "movie" man! What a pity this fleeting incident in contemporary history was not indelibly impressed on the flying film, to be re-enacted before delighted audiences from Niihan to Kahoolawe and way points!

As it is, we have only the narratives of appreciative spectators at Lahaina and the good-humored admissions of the participants themselves. The spectators saw the boat-load of federal inspectors and Inter-Island officials conveniently spilled into shallow water, but it

appears that these spectators were too much beset by laughter to take more than passing note of the thousand and one contributing incidents to an occasion wonderfully adapted to the films. No one, for instance, can with certainty say whether Hiku, the redoubtable boat-steerer, was inspired by a sense of humor or by characteristic literalness when, in response to a request that he show the party "just how it happened before" he gave his oar a quick turn and flipped his passengers into the watery three-foot depths.

It is true we have the picturesque narrative of one of the federal inspectors, who tells with feeling how he lost everything from his pockets but a beloved pipe, and all of the party admit that the joke was on them. And the federal inspectors returned from their trip convinced that the first Lahaina accident—that tragic happening of last May—was unavoidable. And they deny the imputation that the second spill was prearranged. We are inclined to think that is correct, and that if anybody turned the trick it was Hiku—Hiku, who, says Chairman Forbes of the utilities commission, has been discharged by the Inter-Island, though the steamship company officials held him blameless for the first accident. Could it be that Hiku thought he could "get away with" two spills?

Yet, even though Eddie Fernandez was not in the offing to catch the comedy of the second Lahaina accident, it will not soon be forgotten. Already it is being powerfully used to point a moral, if not to adorn a tale. It gives promise of figuring right along in the attempt of the Public Utilities Commission to make the Inter-Island obey certain "recommendations." The federal inspectors now hold the first accident unavoidable. And it is reasonable to suppose that in case of other accidents they will with like fortitude dare the dangers of the deep in similar first-hand investigations. Then the apparently irreparable loss to movie-land may be remedied. Of course, Hiku is no Charlie Chaplin, and the attempt to visualize Capt. Howe as Mary Pickford is an effort, but Inspector Heene—through the rescue of his pipe while breasting the sea—has qualified in the Annette Kellermann class. And if a repetition of these accidents should find a movie-man on the job, he could secure a seven-reel film of fabulous worth, providing it is passed by the censor.

Military training camps for civilians are rising to sudden popularity in the states. The principal reason is, of course, that Americans are beginning to see how unpreparedness in a nation opens it to aggression and to see that America is largely unprepared. Perhaps the most significant feature of the establishment of these camps is the widespread favorable comment upon them from educators. It was only last spring that an attempt was made before a committee of the Hawaiian legislature to show that educators in general are outspokenly opposed to compulsory military education—indeed, to military training in the schools at all. This position is completely upset by the summer's developments.

Opposition to a modern charter for Honolulu is by no means a characteristic of the Hawaiian voter. There are a great many haole voters who are thoroughly reactionary and will do everything in their power to defeat adequate charter revision. On the other hand, there are many delegates to the convention who know that the best politics they can play at this stage of the game is to take a stand in favor of a progressive charter; and there are many other delegates who will favor the "short-ballot" plan in all sincerity.

The battle of the gulf of Riga again displays the submarine as a tremendous naval weapon. In repelling a foe which attempts invasion along the seacoast, the submarine is doing great work. No stronger argument for the building by the United States of a big fleet of these subsea craft can be given than this of the German defeat at Riga.

Japan is going to aid the Allies by sending munitions to Europe. Russia would have appreciated a little assistance of this kind about the time the Slavs were being thrown back on Warsaw.

Byron R. Newton, expert picker, is coming to pick the federal building site. He will not lack for volunteer assistant pickers.

Gas Supply of Constantinople is at an end. What will become of the official announce-

SETTLEMENT WORKERS FROM EAST ARRIVE TO TAKE UP MAUI WORK

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie R. Mathews and Miss June Mitchell Due on Lurline Today

On the Lurline arriving in Honolulu late today come Mr. and Mrs. Leslie R. Mathews, and Miss June Mitchell, the new workers at the Alexander House Settlement in Wailuku, Maui.

Mr. Mathews will be in charge of the settlement work and gymnasium in Wailuku and his wife will take the work that Miss Charlotte L. Turner has been doing for many years under the Hawaiian Board of Missions for the Chinese, and during the last few years for the Japanese also.

Under a change of plan for carrying on the work in Wailuku, recently adopted by the Hawaiian Board and the Maui Aid Association jointly, the missionary work and the settlement forces will be under one committee, that of the Alexander House Settlement committee of Wailuku, which is composed of the following persons: Dr. William D. Baldwin, Miss Charlotte L. Turner, Dr. William Osmer, Mrs. H. B. Penhallow and Rev. Rowland B. Dodge.

Working with this committee also under the new arrangement of combining all work at the settlement will be members of the Alexander House gymnasium committee, namely, H. B. Penhallow and D. T. Carey, who for the last four or five years have been active members of the Alexander House gymnasium. The committees of both organizations are now working together as one committee for the remainder of this year, in order that all the work of the Alexander House Settlement may be conducted through one working organization.

Of the new workers that arrive on the Lurline, the committee secured Mr. and Mrs. Mathews through Mr. Ralph L. Cheney, director of the secretarial course of the International Young Men's Christian Association, College, from which Mr. Mathews graduated this last June. Through Mr. and Mrs. Mathews Miss June Mitchell was secured, who accompanied them on the trip to the islands.

Mr. Mathews was born in Baltimore, Maryland, and secured his early education in Sunbury, Pennsylvania, High School and in Adelphi Academy, Brooklyn. After one year in the Baltimore Medical College, he engaged in business.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—W. C. ACHI: There's such a thing as being too polite and good-natured in politics. Sometimes you have got to get up and fight.

—HARRY MURRAY: There are too many practical jokers running around Honolulu. I took a vacation of eight months once and I haven't got over it yet.

—MAYOR LANE: I have instructed Building Inspector Taylor to provide me at the earliest possible moment with an estimate of the cost of construction of a city hall building on top of the police station building.

—WADE WARREN THAYER (Secretary of the Territory): No death warrants for the trio of Filipino murderers of Kauai have been signed yet. The governor says he intends to consider the matter thoroughly before signing the warrants.

—WILLIAM THOMPSON: The series of letters from mainland mayors which the Star-Bulletin is publishing hits the mark. The letters give plenty of food for thought to the delegates to the coming charter convention, and as one of the delegates I want to express my appreciation for what the Star-Bulletin is doing.

—A. P. TAYLOR: I have never come across a more pleased lot of visitors to Hawaii than those of the past two or three weeks. In spite of the congested conditions in passenger bookings, the "grouch" has been put down and everyone seems happy with everything. Numerous tourist parties have come in here asking for literature and pictures to send to their friends on the mainland.

—JOHN D. SPRECKELS: The San Diego exposition will run the full period planned, that is until the end of the year. The climate permits of this. No idea of curtailing the time has ever been entertained. Rumors to the contrary, which I have also occasionally heard, with reference to the San Francisco exposition, are without foundation. For some time now the San Diego exposition has averaged daily profits in excess of \$2000. Not a drop of the same subject, this is my 28d trip to the islands.



Leslie R. Mathews

ness for two years and then entered the association college in Springfield. For three years during his student days he was in charge of community work in Old Lyme, Conn., where he has special care of the work for boys. Classes for Adults.

It is expected that he will begin classes in the Wailuku gymnasium for adults as well as the younger members. In the settlement work he will undertake various branches and comes especially prepared for the work in citizenship classes that are being organized on Maui.

Mrs. Mathews is a graduate of the Emerson School of Oratory, and for the past six years has been assistant to the pastor of the Center church, Boston, one of the largest in the city. While in Boston she had special charge of the social work of the church for young people.

The new head kindergarten, Miss June Mitchell, is a graduate of the best schools of its kind in the states. She was especially successful in teaching the children of foreign parentage in the school where she taught during the last year of her course in Boston and comes with the highest testimonials from her teachers.

Through the generosity of Maui people interested in the Alexander House settlement a considerable sum of money has been raised during the past two weeks to thoroughly repair the house where the workers live. The entire building is being renovated and the house will be like a new one when the workers arrive on Maui.

A public reception to which the people of Maui are invited is to be given Mr. and Mrs. Mathews and Miss Mitchell on Tuesday evening, August 31, at the home of the workers. The spacious lawn and the gymnasium will also be used for the occasion. Mrs. H. B. Penhallow and a large number of committee men and women are working to make the affair a pleasant welcome to the newcomers.

Personal Mention

D. L. MACKAYE, secretary of the anti-tuberculosis bureau of the board of health, returned to Honolulu this morning from a business trip to Hilo.

HENRY PETERS of the public lands office stepped on a kiawe thorn a few days ago, and now is confined to his home with a poisoned foot.

GEORGE G. KINNEY and Mrs. Kinney, who are now in Manila, have announced by cable to friends in Honolulu the arrival of a son.

FRANK P. JOHNSON, who has been visiting in Honolulu, left for Maui yesterday to take the position of assistant manager of the plantation store at Punahoa.

REV. ROWLAND B. DODGE arrived from Maui this morning, and left again this afternoon for the Valley Isle.

D. H. B. DRUMMOND, a member of the local Y. M. C. A., has left for England to join the colors. Drummond is an Englishman by birth, and has been in the city for about a year. He will go by way of the Panama canal.

MRS. KATHERINE M. YATES has applied for and secured a passport from the office of the clerk of the local federal court. She expects to tour Samoa, Australia, Tahiti and South American countries.

E. J. BOTTS, city purchasing agent, has filed with the chief justice of the supreme court an application to practice law in all the courts of the territory. In 1911 Mr. Botts was admitted to practice in the California courts.

L. D. TIMMONS, editor of the Garden Island, returned to his home in Lihue yesterday afternoon after several days spent in Honolulu. Mr. Tim-

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mons was here on business in connection with the civic convention and the Kaula industrial accident board, he being chairman of the latter.

GERMANS PLAN TOWN OF HINDENBURG, N. M.

SEATTLE, Wash.—Several hundred farmers of German birth or ancestry who were expelled from Canada on

the outbreak of the war, and have since found refuge in cities of the northwest, are preparing to emigrate to New Mexico. It was announced that 1,000 of them have planned a farm colony near Santa Fe, N. M., to be named Hindenburg, in honor of the German field marshal.

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1339 Wilner ave.	4	40.00
1205 Wilhelmina rise, Kaimuki	3	25.00
1562 Nuuanu ave.	5	50.00
1704 King st.	2	30.00
2130 Kamehameha ave., Manoa	3	40.00
1231 Matlock ave.	2	22.50
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